

Notice of Availability

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the **Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) entitled “Black Mesa Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project, Bernalillo County, New Mexico”**. The Corps, in cooperation with and at the request of Bernalillo County, New Mexico and the Albuquerque Metro Area Flood Association (AMAFCA), is planning to improve stormwater drainage and reduce the potential for flooding within the Black Mesa project area, which is located in Bernalillo County, just south of the Albuquerque City limits. The proposed work would include the construction of an outlet pipe manifold to collect stormwater flows from three existing AMAFCA dams: Don Felipe, Raymac and Mc Coy. These flows would be collected in an outlet pipe that would be placed east along Raymac Road and continue towards the Rio Grande. A duck-billed outlet would be placed at the end of this outlet pipe. This device would be needed on the end of the outlet pipe to reduce the velocity of the water. In addition, this structure would allow the water to be undirected and dispersed naturally through the riparian area, on the west bank of the river. The proposed construction would be the first of a two-phase stormwater drainage improvement project. The duration of the proposed construction would be nine months and is expected to start in the fall of 2006.

The DEA is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under “FONSI/ Environmental Assessments”) at:

<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil>

or a hard copy will be sent upon written request to the following address:

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Paper copies of this document are also available for review at:

Rio Grande Valley Library
501 Copper Avenue NW
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The public review will extend from **August 24 to September 22, 2006**. Written comments should be sent to the above address and will be accepted until 4:00 PM, September 22, 2006. Alternatively, comments may be sent electronically to danielle.a.galloway@spa02.usace.army.mil.